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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN

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1. SECRETARY FULLY SUPPORTS THE SUBSTITUTE FORMULATION THAT YOU PROPOSED FOR THE JOINT STATEMENT IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A, AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY THIS TO BHUTTO IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON PESHAWAR.

2. WE LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU PRESENT TO BHUTTO OUR THOUGHTS ON PESHAWAR. WE OF COURSE WISH TO AVOID IRRITATING BHUTTO, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WE OWE IT TO HIM TO TELL HIM CANDIDLY THE JUDGMENT OF OUR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WHICH PESHAWAR WOULD POSE WITH RESPECT TO THE OVERALL PURPOSE WE HAD IN MIND IN VISITING SOUTH ASIA AT THIS TIME. WE WILL, OF COURSE, ACCEDE TO ANY DECISION THAT BHUTTO MAKES. KISSINGER

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